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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM AMB. GREY, CANADIAN MTN DELEGATION

1. THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS RECEIVED BY AMBASSADOR
MCDONALD FROM AMBASSADOR GREY OF CANADA DATED 22 DECEMBER.
2. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR,

I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RAISE WITH YOU CERTAIN
QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF REQUESTS
AND OFFERS IN THE MTN, PARTICULARLY AS THE NEGOTIATIONS
MOVE TO THE STAGE OF TABLING OFFERS AND/OR EXCEPTIONS.

MY AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN CONCERNED THAT USA PRIVATE
SECTOR INTERESTS, PARTICULARLY PARENTS OR AFFILIATES OF
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CANADIAN FIRMS, MAY LEARN OF THE CONTENT OF CANADIAN
REQUESTS AND OFFERS THROUGH YOUR CONSULTATION PROCESSES,
ALTHOUGH, IN CONTRAST, SUCH INFORMATION WOULD BE CLOSELY
HELD BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT VIS-A-VIS INTERESTED
PRIVATE PARTIES IN CANADA. IT IS OUR PRACTICE TO TREAT
SUCH DOCUMENTS (E.G. REQUESTS LISTS, OFFERS LISTS) AS
BEING FOR THE USE OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ONLY. TO THE

EXTENT THAT THERE MIGHT BE A SPECIFIC NEED TO CONSULT PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES, BUSINESSMEN OR OTHERS ABOUT THE CONTENT OF ANY SUCH DOCUMENTS, WE WILL BE DOING SO IN A MANNER WHICH PROTECTS THE IDENTITY OF ITS SOURCE TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE.

WE ARE AWARE, OF COURSE, OF THE INVOLVEMENT OF ISAC'S AND ASAC'S IN YOUR CONSULTATION PROCESSES AS REQUIRED BY THE TRADE ACT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MEMBERS OF ISAC'S ARE CLEARED UP TO "CONFIDENTIAL" AND SWORN TO SECRECY, SUBJECT TO PENALTIES FOR ANY BREACHES OF SECURITY. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT, IN PAST MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, ANY DOCUMENT LABELLED "SECRET" IN GATT TERMS WAS DISTRIBUTED ONLY TO OFFICIALS OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING, THEREFORE, WHETHER THE USA GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO TREAT FOREIGN REQUESTS, OFFERS OR EXCEPTIONS AS INTERNAL INFORMATION FOR THE USE OF OFFICIALS OF THE ADMINISTRATION, AND PERHAPS CONGRESSIONAL STAFF, ONLY, OR WHETHER, GIVEN THE NEW ENVIRONMENT CREATED BY THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, AND BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TRADE ACT, SUCH INFORMATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO A WIDER GROUP, AUTOMATICALLY OR UPON REQUEST.

WE HAVE NOTED WITH INTEREST A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE FEDERAL REGISTER (NOVEMBER 21, 1977, P. 59784) CONCERNING CERTAIN INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TRADE ACT, SPECIFYING THAT ANY SUBMISSION FROM THE USA PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD, ON REQUEST, "BE WITHHELD FROM DISTRIBUTION TO PRIVATE SECTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEES". WOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO ASSUME THAT THE USA ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE NO LESS RECEPTIVE AND EFFECTIVE WITH REGARD TO ANY SIMILAR REQUESTS FROM ITS NEGOTIATING PARTNERS?

I AM, OF COURSE, WRITING TO AMBASSADOR SAWAKI AND TO MR. LUYTEN WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLICATIONS, FOR THE SECURITY OF OUR NEGOTIATING DOCUMENTS, OF THEIR DOMESTIC PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS.

YOURS SINCERELY. END OF TEXT.

3. PLEASE ADVISE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO CANADIAN INQUIRY. MCDONALD

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